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Velikiye Luki

approximately 10 to 15 km. beyond the city   
a tremendous military installation stretching for about 10 km. west along the railroad tracks.

2. It was impossible  to estimate the depth of the camp enclosure. The entire camp area is located in a dense wooded pine forest.  it is difficult to detect the installation from the air. Many buildings and tent areas  were covered with large nets and camouflaged to blend in with the natural site-layout.  several railroad branches leading from the main tracks into the camp area, some of them still under construction.  many munition stacks, arranged similarly to methods used by the German Army, about 1 to 2 m. high and 2 to 3 m. long and wide. They were supported with stakes and camouflaged with

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canvas. Larger-sized gasoline tanks, of the type to be embedded into the earth, were also visible.

25X1 3. The installation conveyed the impression of a tank and artillery camp  
25X1 because of the great numbers of various types of tanks and rubber-wheeled  
25X1 artillery pieces concealed among the pine trees. [ ] their numbers  
[ ] several hundred. [ ] detonation of exploding shells and  
[ ] an artillery firing range was attached to the camp. In a  
25X1 clearing of the area, [ ] a newly-constructed stockade similar to  
25X1 PW enclosures. No roads leading to the area could be observed from the  
railroad side. Soviet personnel were seen exercising with field artillery  
pieces. The entire camp was inclosed by a wire fence topped with barbed  
wire. Guards in great numbers were posted along the fences.

\*Velikiye Luki (56 21 N - 30 31 E)

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